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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announces the arrest of Samuel G. Kooritzky and Ronald W. Bogardus, on charges of immigration fraud.

Samuel G. Kooritzky, age 63 of Vienna, Virginia, is an attorney and the owner of the Capital Law Centers in Arlington, Virginia; Langley Park, Maryland; and Washington, D.C. Ronald W. Bogardus, age 65 of Arlington, Virginia, is an engineer with the United States Department of State.

Kooritzky and Bogardus are charged with repeatedly filing fraudulent applications for alien employment certification with the United States Department of Labor. As part of this scheme, Kooritzky and Bogardus would prepare and submit applications that they knew contained false information and forgeries on behalf of immigrants seeking a green card. In particular, Kooritzky and Bogardus would falsely state in the applications that they represented Northern Virginia employers seeking to hire immigrant workers and would routinely forge the signature of officials working for the employers to make it appear that the applications were authorized. Kooritzky and Bogardus charged their immigrant clients at least \$8,000 per application and are suspected of filing between 1,425 and 2,700 fraudulent applications.

According to Mr. McNulty, "This case represents an on-going effort by the Department of Justice to expose and stop fraud against the government. Messrs. Kooritzky and Bogardus are alleged to have misused their positions of trust to perpetrate a fraud not only against the government, but against those individuals seeking employment within our nation's borders."

The case against Kooritzky and Bogardus was the result of a year-long federal investigation spearheaded by agents of the Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations, United States Department of Labor, agents of the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Department of State, Office of the Inspector General, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Assistant United States Attorney John T. Morton is prosecuting the case for the government.